



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Steven G. Fry, Shantanu Sarkar  
Assignee: Cisco Technology, Inc.  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS SUPPORTING NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH A FIREWALL  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a two-month extension of time within which to respond to the March 11, 2004 Final Office Action and July 2, 2004 outstanding Advisory Action, such extension allowing the undersigned until September 2, 2004 to respond.

Please charge the amount of \$420.00 as set forth in the enclosed transmittal letter.

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